



# December Garden Tips

- Tap the evergreen branches gently to remove snow and prevent the branches from breaking.
- Check fruits, vegetables, corms and tubers that you have in storage. Sort out any that show signs of disease and dispose of them.
- Houseplants may need to be watered more often when the heating system is on.
- Amaryllis bulbs may be started now. If they are established bulbs in old pots, two inches of soil should be removed from the surface and replaced with a good, rich mixture.
- Continue to harvest Brussels sprouts. They'll typically keep even when buried in snow drifts.
- Display poinsettias away from heat sources and cold drafts. Keep soil consistently moist, but not soggy. Poinsettias that dry out droop dramatically and drop their flowers.
- Don't walk on frozen grass, especially if there is no snow cover. Without the protection of snow, grass blades are easily broken causing die-back in your lawn.
- Sow lettuce seed in a pot and place pot in a sunny window

